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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR RELEASE OF CHILEAN POLITICAL
PRISONERS

1. IN ORDER TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN
CHILE, THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO FOLLOW UP THE RECENT
CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND PRESIDENT
CARTER BY SUGGESTING THE FOLLOWING ACTION.

2. WE PROPOSE THAT YOU APPROACH PRESIDENT PINOCHET ON
BEHALF OF THE ESTIMATED 300 POLITICAL PRISONERS REMAINING
IN DETENTION IN CHILE. BARRING ANY WHO ARE RECOGNIZED AS
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4. RE: SCHNACKE AND LAZO WHO HAVE BEEN THE FOCUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGNS, THE GOC SHOULD BE SHOWN THE ADVANTAGE OF INCLUDING THEM IN THE PROPOSED GENERAL AMNESTY. BY SO DOING IT WOULD NOT APPEAR THAT THE GOC WAS REACTING TO PRESSURE. THIS WOULD ALSO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR FUTURE REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THESE TWO PROMINENT CASES.

5. SUCH A HUMANITARIAN GROUP AMNESTY TAKEN AT THE INITIATIVE OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET WOULD BE ESPECIALLY TIMELY AS THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES AND IT WOULD BE VIEWED BY THE USG AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE.

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